

Ravenna Creek Daylighting Public Workshop #3

June 20, 2002

Roosevelt High School Cafeteria, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

The goal of this meeting was to present three alternative plans for creek daylighting and ball field relocation and identify preferred elements within those alternatives.

MEETING SUMMARY:

The preferred alternative should combine the more natural feel and intimate spaces of Alternative #3 with the ball fields included as in Alternative #2. Individuals indicated personal preferences for alternative #2 or #3, but "could live" with a combination of the two.

We captured their comments in two ways:

1. Verbal comments during the discussion period; and
2. Written comments on the different alternative plans

VERBAL COMMENTS

- Option 2 is better for soccer
- #2 and #3 move Children's Play Area; must be within sight of wading pool
- Art could work well in both #2 and #3
- "Tree" used by kids is important
- Is it possible to turn the upper ball field to face other directions?
- Ravine not safe; keep an open park
- Enhance "natural" creek; attracts lots of use; park is safer
- Concern for garbage collecting in wetlands
- There is value to non-structured play; option #3 could work
- Environmental Education is strong at Sand Point, so perhaps less needed in Ravenna Park
- Need for ball fields is great
- Tension between structured vs. unstructured play
- Importance of small spaces
- Organized sports bring people who use parks
- Mixed use - prefer #2 and #3
- Open space - safer - prefer #1
- Historic significance @ upper field
- Trees mitigate for "sun in the eyes"
- Not bronze sculptures
- Use art to increase awareness of creek along 25th Ave

- Focus on dying things-replace trees
- Mark what is there and bring out (history)
- Entry / where creek re-enters pipe - important

WRITTEN COMMENTS

Regarding Upper Field:

"I would love to see the 'play tree' cut down-it is molestation waiting to happen. I vote for plan 2." (Dougie Dyer)

"Not tree. Find a way to keep climbing tree (change orientation of field?) or move tree so it stays alive. Budget money. (ask Doug Thiel) (J.S.)

"Contact community groups who built play area with neighborhood matching funds. (Ravenna Bryant?, University park?, Ravenna Springs?)"

"Consider views of Mt. Rainier from area N of playfield."

"The playground equipment does not meet the current standards for safety and needs to be replaced."

Comments Written on Alternative Plans:

1. ALTERNATIVE: Creek and Little League Ballfield (soccer)

- (2) show-of-hand votes in support of #1.
- No written comments on plan

2. ALTERNATIVE: Creek and Soccer / Open Field

- (11 - 12) show-of-hand votes in support of #2.
- "Please - LVR Soccer Club has 1700 kids, 125 teams, but only practice space for 75. Losing Ravenna costs us 10 practice spaces for 10 teams." Rick Alvord, Pres. LVR
- "This is the best alternative to serve both the needs of children for organized sports play fields & for the general public's need for natural space." J.L. Von Arlstyn (RUG Little League)

- "#2 is the only one that meets the original goals set forth for most ballfield space plus a nice daylight creek." Jon Martin (SPRD Grounds Maintenance)
- "I prefer the playground operation (?) fine but like the enhanced environmental aspects of #3." Doug Thiel
- "#2 provides the best variety of park use and serves the greatest number of park users." John Jacoby (City of Seattle Parks)
- "Nice combination! I can't wait." Dan Wood (little league)
- "We all need to share the limited space we have. Let's get the most out of it." Kristine Kirchhofer, Mother of 9 & 11 yr. Olds
- "Eliminate the west trail along toe of slope." Otto Rombouts (Tree Steward)
"2.5"
- "Great Plan. Love the walk way. Thanks for saving the Ball Fields." Dougie Dyer, RUG Little League
- "This is okay too. See comments about boardwalk & garbage #3. Strong entry is good. Absolutely must work with people above on field. Measure again. SW location of batter is theoretically the best, but with the size? (saving?) of trees could be SE. Twisted tree important!" Susan Baker (RNA - RAC)

3. ALTERNATIVE: Creek with Freeplay Meadow

- (12 - 13) show-of-hand votes in support of #3.
- "Vote for 2 1/2: -?incorporate a soccer field C?dramatic exit point at 55th St. - people spiraling with the water" Laura Davis
- "Good to have natural. Concern about garbage & boardwalk. Would like design with potentially less toxic & more permanent alternative." Susan Baker
- "I like this... extends the "natural" feel of the area to the north." M. Hooning
- "This is great!" Jim O'Halloran "#2 is also OK."
- "Remember the value of green space & peaceful meanderings for children and adults" anonymous

- "2½ - keep a field possible for soccer & level running but try a bit more meanders. Try for gateway like into Good Shepard. Add N. loop wetland from #2." JS
- "Keep as many of the features of #3 as you can. This is the best design - very well-conceived. Good work and my compliments to the team." Arn Slettebak